Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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Chairman Tom Cole House Appropriations Committee H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro House Appropriations Committee 2313 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Everett Volunteer Fire Company's fire station renovations in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Everett Volunteer Fire Company, located at 100 Mechanic Street Everett Pa. 15537-1177. The funding would be used to renovate their fire hall.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the proposed project would help to reduce the energy costs of the volunteer fire company by providing new energy efficient windows that will replace 50-year-old windows. The project would also replace their existing heating system with a new energy efficient one. Both of these improvements would help them to reduce our costs. They would allocate these savings toward the purchase of fire and rescue equipment that would provide a benefit to the entire community. In addition, community groups that use our station would benefit from all of these upgrades.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

John Joyce, M.D.

Member of Congress